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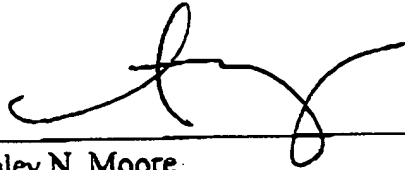
Pending claims 1-13, 23-25, and 29 of the parent application have been canceled. New claims 30-37 have been added. Thus, claims 30-37 are currently pending in this application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/803,392 ("the parent application"), filed January 20, 1997, now allowed. The parent application was appealed on May 5, 2000 and was assigned Appeal No. 2001-1912. A Board Decision was rendered on January 30, 2003 as Paper No. 22. A continuation of the parent application was filed on May 5, 2000 and has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,477,148.

In view of the above, a thorough and complete examination of this application over all art of record in the aforementioned applications, as well as any other art, is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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